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In re Application of :

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Application No. 09/843,390

DECISION ON PETITION

Filed: April 25, 2001

Attorney Docket No. 67107 :

Title: AQUEOUS COMPOSITION

USEFUL FOR STABILIZING AND TEXTURIZING DAIRY PRODUCTS AND PROCESS FOR PREPARING THE SAME

This is in response to the "Request for Corrected Filing Receipt", filed September 4, 2001, which is properly being treated as a petition under 37 CFR \$1.10, requesting that the above-identified application be accorded a filing date of April 26, 2001.

The petition is DISMISSED.

The application was filed on April 25, 2001. On June 19, 2001, a "Notice to File Missing Parts of Provisional Application" (Notice) was mailed, which indicated that an executed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR \$1.63, and a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge were required.

Petitioner has submitted a request that the filling date be changed to April 26, 2001.

Petitioner's request is dismissed, as petitioner has failed to set forth any persuasive arguments. A review of the official file reveals that the abstract, claims, specification, and the transmittal sheet were each date stamped "April 25, 2001". Furthermore, the petitioner has failed to submit either a postcard receipt, showing that the items were received on April 26, 2001, or an Express Mail mailing label showing a "date in" of April 26, 2001.

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The application is being submitted to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for further processing with a filing date of April 25, 2001.

Receipt of the executed declaration, assignment documents, recordation fee, and the one-month extension of time are acknowledged.

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